



## BernCo at a Glance E-newsletter

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### New Bernalillo County Commissioner Sworn-in



New Bernalillo County Commissioner, James (Jim) M. Collie was sworn-in Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020 to fill the District 3 seat. Commissioner Collie serves as a member of the Bernalillo County Planning Commission and is a retired pastor and administrator in the Presbyterian Church. Collie is a 26-year resident of Albuquerque. Prior to coming to New Mexico, Collie was the pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Bedford, Texas.

**"I look forward to working closely with this commission to further the important work of my predecessor and to improve the public services offered to the great residents of Bernalillo County,"** says Commissioner James Collie.

Commissioner Collie was appointed to the Bernalillo County Commission by Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham to fill the seat vacated by Maggie Hart Stebbins, who is now the state natural resources trustee. There is one year remaining on the current term in District 3.

### Marian Matthews Sworn-in to Fill State District 27 Legislative Seat

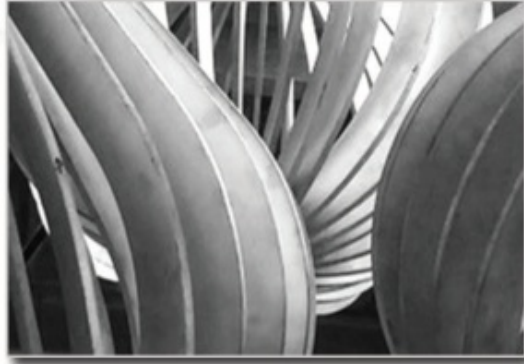
The Bernalillo County Board of County Commissioners, at a special meeting, appointed Marian Matthews to fill the District 27 seat of the New Mexico House of Representatives. Matthews has a background in law and has a Juris Doctor degree from the University of New Mexico, School of Law. Matthews has been an instructor at CNM, director of development at PB&J Family Services and worked for the New Mexico Attorney General's office. The New Mexico House of Representatives District 27 is located in the northeast heights of the City of Albuquerque, in Bernalillo County.

Representative Bill Pratt passed away on Christmas night at the age of 84. Dr. Pratt was chosen by the Bernalillo County Commission in October of 2018 to replace longtime representative, Larry Larranaga. The county received 10 applications, for consideration for the District 27 seat vacancy, with one application rescinded.





## BERNALILLO COUNTY PUBLIC ART CELEBRATES



### **“VIEW FROM GOLD MOUNTAIN”**

#### **ASIAN AMERICAN SCULPTURE DEDICATION**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020  
10 A.M. DEDICATION CEREMONY

NOON LECTURE  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

BERNALILLO COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
400 LOMAS BLVD. NW  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87102

*For more information contact Carrie at 468.1418*

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## **BernCo Plastic and Polystyrene Ban Ordinance Took Effect Jan. 1, 2020**

[Here are 11 Tricks to Remember Your Reusable Bags \(click for more info\):](#)

- Have a large selection
- Strategic placement
- Make it a habit
- Invest in convenience
- 'Bags' should be the first thing on your list
- Set a reminder on your cell phone
- Make it personal -- make your own t-shirt bag
- Involve your family
- Put bags back when you're finished
- Let your cashier know to use the bags you've brought
- Keep your good habit going beyond the grocery store

[Click here for more information about the new ordinance](#) or watch the video below.



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## Office of the Assessor to Host Third Annual Veteran Outreach Events

Next event is Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020 at the at the Assessor's Office, 501 Tijeras Ave. NW, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The outreach events will be on the third Thursday of every month until April 2020, with an additional date on April 23, to ensure property owners applying for the veteran property tax exemptions meet the deadline, which is 30 days after the mailing of the notice of value statements. [Click here to visit the Assessor's website for additional info.](#)



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## Public Meeting on Glyphosate Alternatives





## SAVE THE DATE

### Public Meeting on Integrated Vegetation Maintenance Management Plan

**Bernalillo County** – Bernalillo County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department is hosting the Integrated Vegetation Maintenance Management Plan community committee meeting to discuss the status of a study and preliminary results of research into alternatives to the use of glyphosate.

**WHO:** Bernalillo County Parks, Recreation & Open Space Staff and Interested Bernalillo County Residents.

**WHAT:** Public meeting regarding a study and results of the use of Glyphosate

**WHEN:** Wednesday, January 22, 3:30 p.m.,  
(Doors open at 3 p.m. formal meeting begins at 3:30 p.m.)

**WHERE:** Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center, 9800 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW 87114

Address comments and suggestions to County Open Space Supervisor Mari Simbana or call 505-314-0386.

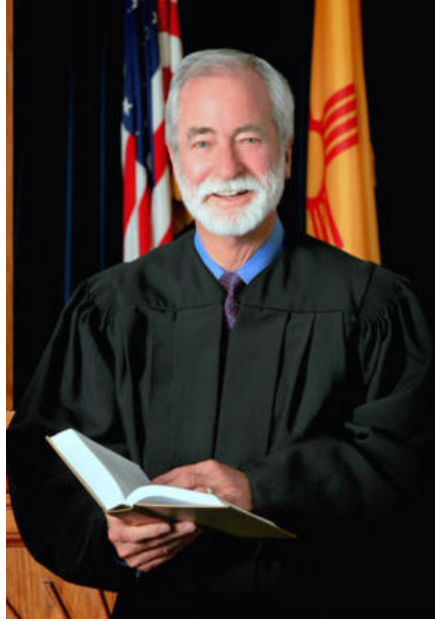


### Proposal to Name an Unassigned Courtroom in the Bernalillo County Courthouse in Honor of the Late Chief Justice Charles W. Daniels

Naming an unassigned courtroom will honor the 50 years of service to law, education, and civil rights in New Mexico of the former Chief Justice Charles Daniels, a lifelong resident and practitioner of law in Bernalillo County, who advocated in the Second Judicial District.

Comments on the proposal will be shared with the Bernalillo County Naming and Memorial Committee.

[Click here to leave a comment.](#)



The Naming and Memorial Committee makes recommendations to the Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners regarding the naming and renaming of county buildings. **The Board of County Commissioners is expected to vote on the proposal at its Feb. 11, 2020 administrative meeting.**

More biographical information here: <https://www.danielsfuneral.com/notices/Charles-Daniels> and <https://www.abqjournal.com/1360855/former-chief-justice-charles-daniels-dies.html>

## Watch this Tutorial to Learn How to Find Your BernCo Commissioner



### For assistance, please contact:

- Metropolitan Detention Center (general inmate info): (505) 839-8700
- Roads and traffic: (505) 848-1504 or (505) 848-1503
- Animal Care Services: (505) 468-PETS
- Property Maintenance (report a park or facility that needs cleanup): (505) 224-2119
- Schedule a large item pick-up: (505) 892-1200
- Department of Behavioral Health Services customer service: (505) 468-1555
- Court of Wills, Estates and Probate (general info): (505) 468-1232
  - Schedule an appointment: call (505) 468-1229 or email, [probate@bernco.gov](mailto:probate@bernco.gov)
- Unclaimed & Indigent Cremation Program: (505) 468-7295
- Accounts Payable general inquiries: (505) 468-7020
- Neighborhood Coordinator, Darrell Dady: (505) 468-7364, [ddady@bernco.gov](mailto:ddady@bernco.gov)

- All other calls: (505) 468-7777 or email, [contactcenter@bernco.gov](mailto:contactcenter@bernco.gov)

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

(click to read and learn more)

- **Glyphosate Moratorium**

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